

# *The City of Pelham*

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**November 23, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor James Eubanks  
Mayor Pro-Tem Alfred Brown  
Council Member Bennett Adams  
Council Member Fredrick Davis  
Council Member Robert Hodges  
Council Member Bobby Robinson

City Manager, Craig Bennett  
City Clerk, Lisa Austin  
City Attorney, Tommy Coleman-Zoom  
Police Chief, Nealie McCormick  
Fire Chief, Ivey Godwin  
Investigator, Adam Lamb  
Enterprise-Journal, Randy Wind

Cody Shiver  
Carol Southard  
Stephen Collier  
Doris Swarn  
Teresa Robinson  
Teresa Jones

\*\*\*Absent from the Council Meeting was Council Member Ansel Parrish\*\*\*

With a quorum present, Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Mayor Eubanks provided the opening prayer.

### **REGULAR SESSION – LED BY MAYOR EUBANKS**

#### **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Mayor Eubanks stated there need to be changes to agenda removing item #3 Utility Fee Schedule and item #6 Department Head Raises. These items will be placed on the agenda for the December 2021. **Council Member Hodges made a motion to approve the agenda with the noted items being removed from the agenda, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote was unanimous.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **CDBG 21 ANNOUNCEMENT**

Carol Southard addressed the city council with plans for the CDBG 21. The City of Pelham was awarded a CDBG Grant for Housing in the amount of \$750,000.00. Southard gave the council a CDBG Program Budget Analysis and a project activity location map. Homeowners are to provide a total of \$8,700 toward rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. The city is to waive all building permitting fees at an estimated cost of \$5,200.00. Homeowner's will be required to enter into an agreement with DPL and the City. DPL length of time will be based on amount of construction work received. City is to waive all permitting fees for demolition at an estimated

cost of \$300.00. City is to provide all costs associated with auditing purposes for the life of the program at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. Carol Southard consultant is to waive all applications development fees at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Council Member Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting, and the minutes from the Called Meeting of October 28, 2021, seconded by Council Member Davis. The vote was unanimous.**

### **FIRE TRUCK PROPOSAL**

Pelham's current inventory of fire engines consists of a 1994 Ford E-One and a 2001 KMC International. The normal service life of a fire engine is 20 years. A fire engine can extend past that service life if the pump passes its annual test. Both engines are past the 20-year mark, but their pumps thus far show no signs of degradation. The current ISO rating is a 4 based on the city maintaining 2 serviceable engines.

The fire chief solicited for bids under the national purchasing partnership and received two quotes:

- (1) E-One by Fire Line, Inc. for \$324,000.00 and
- (2) Pierce by Ten-8 for \$339,000.00.

The financing will be a 10-year fixed interest rate loan with Georgia Municipal Association with an interest rate of 2.41%. The anticipated monthly payment for the loan will be \$3,045.00.

**Council Member Adams made a motion to purchase the fire truck from E-One by Fire Line Inc. in the amount of \$324,000.00 and approve the resolution to authorize the council to execute the lease with GMA direct leasing program, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was unanimous.**

### **2022 ALCOHOL LICENSING**

Annually the alcohol licenses are approved by the city council for the next calendar year. The alcohol licenses are due by December 31, 2021, to ensure continuity of operations for the next calendar year. The only change from the last year is for 2022 Chuy's Bar and Grill has replaced Casa Mayas.

**Council Member Robinson made a motion to approve the 2022 Alcohol Licensing as presented, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **HOUSING CDBG LAP**

An Executive Order requires the city to have a Language Access Plan since we are receiving federal dollars through HUD to support the CDBG FY19 Sewer. The LAP identifies Limited English Proficiency (LEP) personnel and the resources the local municipal government will provide for assistance.

Based on the percentages of LEP, the city does not have to provide translation of CDBG documents. The city may have to assist in matters such as oral interpretation of CDBG documentation.

The City Clerk is identified as the LEP Compliance Officer.

**Council Member Hodges made a motion to adopt the Language Access Plan Resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote was unanimous.**

## **ETHICS ORDINANCE**

The Georgia Sunshine Law allows the council to enter into executive session to discuss certain matters closed to the public, such as personnel and acquisition of property. With the entrance into executive session there is an expectation of confidentiality.

The proposed ordinance amendment will make it an ethical violation to divulge information discussed during the session.

**Council Hodges made a motion to adopt the Ethics Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Adams. The vote in favor of the Ethics Ordinance was Council Member Hodges, Council Member Adams, and Council Member Davis. The vote opposed to the Ethics Ordinance was Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. Mayor Eubanks stated the motion will carry.**

After the motion had passed Council Member Davis stated he needed more time to read the Ethics Ordinance and wanted to vote no against passing the ordinance until he could read it entirely.

**Council Member Davis made a motion to reconsider and rescind the Ethics Ordinance until further review could be established, seconded by Council Member Robinson. The vote in favor of the Ethics Ordinance not being passed was Council Member Davis, Council Member Robinson, and Mayor Pro-Tem Brown. The vote opposed to the motion was Council Member Adams, and Council Member Hodges. The Mayor stated the motion for the Ethics Ordinance will not pass.**

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Council reviewed financial reports of October 2021 that were presented.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Council reviewed department reports from October 2021 from the Pelham Police Department, Fire Department, Utility Department, and Code Enforcement.

## ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Pelham City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hodges. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Eubanks declared the meeting closed at 7:11 p.m.

  
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Mayor, James T. Eubanks

### AUTHENTICATED:

This 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2021.

  
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City Clerk, Lisa Austin

